

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (new): An electric guitar including

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- (a) a fingerboard;
  - (b) a plurality of strings;
  - (c) a hollow acoustic body including
    - (i) a front,
    - (ii) a back,
    - (iii) elongate thin bouts extending intermediate the front and the back, the front back and bouts enclosing a hollow space,
    - (iv) a hollow upper portion, and
    - (v) a lower hollow portion connected to and larger than the upper portion,
    - (vi) a sound hole formed through the front to allow resonant sound produced by resonance in the hollow space and bouts to escape outwardly from the hollow space through the sound hole;
  - (d) a speaker system mounted in the hollow acoustic body and including at least one speaker positioned at least partially beneath the sound hole and at least one speaker positioned at least partially offset from the sound hole and beneath the front;
  - (e) a system operatively associated with the strings and the speaker to cause sound to
    - (i) emanate from the speaker system when the strings are played, and